

ESA Regional Teacher of the Year Nomination Form

Congratulations on your nomination for the <ESA REGION NAME> Teacher of the Year Award!

The <ESA REGION NAME> Teacher of the Year Award is an honor given to only one teacher within each ESA region each year. Because you have been selected as a District Teacher of the Year, you are now a nominee for the <ESA REGION NAME> Teacher of the Year award. If you are selected as the <ESA REGION NAME> Teacher of the Year, you become a nominee for the South Dakota Teacher of the Year award and possibly for the National Teacher of the Year award. All Teacher of the Year awardees are dynamic teachers who are dedicated to improving the education and the lives of their students and their communities.

To accept your nomination for the <ESA REGION NAME> Teacher of the Year award, complete and submit this form to <ESA DIRECTOR NAME/ADDRESS > by June 1.*

Name: _____ School: _____

Total years of teaching: _____ Years teaching in the district: _____

Years in present position: _____ Primary subject area/grade level: _____

Please answer the following questions. Each answer should be two, double-spaced, typewritten pages in length.

- 1) Please describe your philosophy of teaching
 - a) Describe your personal feelings and beliefs about teaching, including your own ideas of what makes you an outstanding teacher. Describe the rewards you find in teaching.
 - b) How are your beliefs about teaching demonstrated in your personal teaching style?
- 2) Please describe your Educational History and Professional Development Activities
 - a) Beginning with most recent, list colleges and universities attended including post-graduate studies. Indicate degrees earned and dates of attendance.
 - b) Beginning with most recent, list teaching employment history indicating time period, grade level and subject area.
 - c) Beginning with most recent, list professional association memberships including information regarding offices held and other relevant activities.
 - d) Beginning with most recent, list staff development leadership activity and leadership activity in the training of future teachers.
 - e) Beginning with the most recent, list awards and other recognition of your teaching.
- 3) Please attach a 5 X 7 color headshot suitable for publicity purposes.

**The information on this form may be released to the media if you are selected as the <ESA REGION NAME> Teacher of the Year.*

For more information about the Teacher of the Year program, visit
<http://www.doe.sd.gov/oatq/distinguishededucators/TOY/index.asp>.